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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), the above-identified Applicants cite the following patents and publications, which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the patents and publications set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets) have not been provided because they were cited in one or more of parent Application Nos. 09/971,093, 09/971,115, 09/971,321, 09/971,369, 09/236,176, and 09/310,355 and U.S. Patent No. 6,314,457. In exception to the above, references to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,436,653; 5,579,124; 5,581,800; 5,574,962; 5,495,282; 5,450,490; 5,483,276; and 5,408,258 and Arbitron Cable, "Studio Grade Encoder for Audience Measurement – A Fact Sheet for Broadcast Engineers", www.arbitron.com, 2 pages, May, 2000 set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have been provided. In addition, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention Application Serial Nos. 09/768,800, 09/768,535, 09/768,387, 09/974,492, 09/951,361, 09/993,960, 10/047,540, 09/974,711. This information disclosure is being filed more than 3 months from the filing date, but before the mailing of a First Official Action. Accordingly, no petition, or fee is believed to be required.

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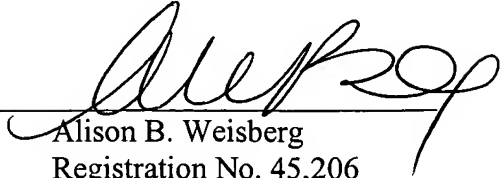
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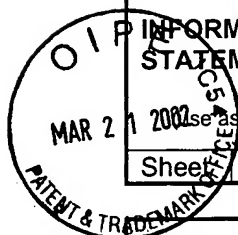
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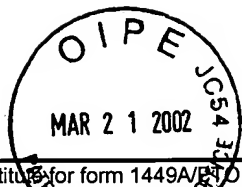
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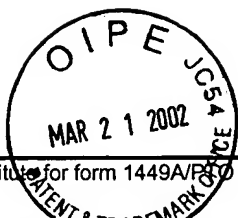
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